

## [Mrs. Simon D. Hay]

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Early / settlers of Lamb County had the right idea for city growth and development. Trades day and trades trips played an important part in building of the towns of Sudan and Littlefield. The citizenship of these two towns has always been made up of wide-awake residents, putting forth every effort to better their home towns.

The first trades day and trades trip took place in Sudan in 1925. The day before the big event, a caravan of thirty 30 cars, supported by a band, left Sudan to tour the trade

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territory southwest of the town. They brought the good will of Sudan and an invitation to join in the celebration the following day. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Hay led the way because Mr. Hay was well acquainted in all the neighboring communities and "knew his way around." They visited Muleshoe, Baileyboro, Goodland, Enochs, Morton and others. Everyone had packed a lunch and when they arrived in Goodland, they spread their dinner of fried chicken and other good things to eat. The men called on the merchants in each town and while they were doing this, the Sudan women visited among themselves. Some of the boosters had not lived in [100?] Lamb County very long and it was a good chance for all of them to "get acquainted."

A funny incident happened as they drove into Morton, county seat of Cochran county. As it turned out, it was something for all the Sudanites to remember and have a good laugh about later. As the cars approached the main street, the boosters noticed a man running out into the street with a gun in his hand, other men were seen with fire arms. Mr. Hay recognized the man as [?] John Miller, with whom he was acquainted. He asked what the trouble was. Mr. [100?] Miller explained that Lehman, a C 12 - 2/11/41 Tex. 2 neighboring town, and Morton had been having a fight over which town should have the county seat. The mistake was quickly settled by Mr. Hay who explained the situation.

In remarking about the trip Mrs. Hay said, "We were all worn out when we returned to Sudan but everyone had a good time. The town was over - crowded with people the next day and we all felt that our first trades day had been a success."

Littlefield celebrated its first trades trip as far back as 1917. There were very few residents in the town at that time, and this seemed a big undertaking for them. A company of about sixty people and a band from Lubbock made their first stop in Olton, county seat of Lamb County. They spread their lunch under the trees near the old county court house

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that later was destroyed by fire. From Olton they went to Spring Lake where they were greeted by approximately six people.

Mrs. Arbie Joplin said, "This 100 was a great day for the ladies. Even though we were burdened with high topped shoes and travelling hats, we all had a grand time. I shall never forget those shoes."

These towns still have trades days. The merchants usually make up a cash prize, tickets are given with purchases, and the lucky ticket wins the money on the appointed day. Large crowds gather and in the early days for this event everyone enjoys the day. 74